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The Honorable William J. Casey  
 Director of Central Intelligence  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 1984, regarding the appointment of [ ] to be Deputy Director of the CIA's Office of Legislative Liaison and the reassignment of [ ] to be "Counsel to the Directorate of Operations."

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I know that [ ] has had prior experience in legislative liaison work, particularly in connection with Intelligence Community budget matters. This should prove to be extremely valuable. I congratulate you on what appears to be an excellent appointment.

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Also, I am pleased with the selection of [ ] and am happy to know that he will continue to be involved in the effort to enact S. 1324, our FOIA bill. [ ] has rendered yeoman service in this area. I know that he is eminently qualified for his new position. However, this appointment does give rise to some concerns which I want to share with you.

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Bill, concern about maintaining a strong Office of General Counsel at the Agency dates back to the Rockefeller Commission. I think it is very important that the CIA not create the perception that the Directorate of Operations is seeking to function without the benefit of legal advice from the General Counsel. The Committee staff has been assured informally that the intent is to have [ ] report directly to, and be guided by the legal views of, the

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General Counsel. If this is the case, I see no problem, and I would only suggest that this crucial relationship be made explicit in any announcement or comment that the Agency might make on the appointment. The last thing we need right now is to resurrect an issue that was laid to rest years ago.

Sincerely,



Barry Goldwater  
Chairman